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**RETURN PREPARER INDICTED FOR
PREPARING FALSE TAX RETURNS**

Bay City, Michigan - On February 11, 2010, Carolyn Moore, of Saginaw, Michigan, was arraigned by Magistrate Judge Charles E. Binder on an indictment charging her with 65 counts of willfully aiding and assisting in the preparation of false tax returns, 60 counts of wire fraud for electronically transmitting false tax returns to the IRS, and one count of attempted wire fraud, announced United States Attorney Barbara L. McQuade.

United States Attorney McQuade was joined in the announcement by Special Agent in Charge Maurice M. Aouate, Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation Division.

According to the indictment, from 2004 and continuing through 2006, Moore knowingly and willfully prepared income tax returns on which false and fictitious Schedule "A" itemized deductions were claimed. In addition, Moore was charged with knowingly transmitting fraudulent returns to the Internal Revenue Service by wire. The

total tax loss to the Internal Revenue Service was over \$250,000.

"During the 2010 tax filing year, IRS is stepping up its efforts to ensure paid tax return preparers are assisting clients appropriately and that refunds are only issued to taxpayers who are entitled to them," said Special Agent in Charge Maurice Aouate. "So select your return preparer wisely, and remember that everybody loses when there is fraud involved."

Aiding and assisting in the preparation of a false tax return carries a maximum penalty of 3 years imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000, per count. Wire fraud and attempted wire fraud carry a maximum penalty of 20 years imprisonment, and a fine of \$250,000, or twice the gain or loss, whichever is greater.

An indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. The defendant is entitled to a fair trial during which it will be the government's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

United States Attorney McQuade thanked the IRS Criminal Investigation for the investigation of the case. The case is being prosecuted by the U. S. Attorney's Office in Bay City, Michigan.